Rama Varmha Tampuran.—There need not necessarily be any application.

Appointment—Director of Public Health.

86. **Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) the date on which the Chief Sanitary Officer was appointed ;

(2) the date on which the name of the office was changed into the Director of Public Health ;

(3) the reasons for the above change ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(1) 16th September 1932.

(2) 25th October 1932.

(3) Because the changed designation "Director of Public Health" is more appropriate than "Chief Sanitary Officer".

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Does this change of designation require an enhanced pay also ?

President.—That is a matter of opinion.

Proclamation—Abolishing Theendal.

87. **Mr. M. K. Raman.**—Will the Government be pleased to answer the following:—

(1) has the Government placed before His Highness the request of this Council to issue a Royal Proclamation abolishing theendal (or pollution) from the State ;

(2) if so, on what date was the matter first placed by the Government ;

(3) have the Government again brought the subject to the notice of His Highness on any subsequent occasions, if so, when were they ;

(4) what was the reply given by His Highness ;

(5) have the Government brought to the notice of His Highness the weight of the public opinion now prevailing in the country in the matter of the removal of untouchability ;

(6) have they pointed out to His Highness that the subject is now of all-India importance and great political issues are involved in it ;

(7) have they brought to the kind notice of His Highness that Mahatma Gandhi himself has promised to observe fast in respect of the question of opening the temple at Guruvayoor and removing untouchability ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(1) to (7) Details of correspondence between the Diwan and His Highness the Maharaja cannot be disclosed.

Mr. M. K. Raman.—When was this correspondence placed before His Highness ?

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Rama Varmha Tampuran.—It is one of the details. I request Hon'ble Members not to press the Government to divulge those details. There must be certain responsibility on the Executive Government. It is based on this responsibility.

Mr. M. K. Raman.—I only ask when it was first placed. I don't ask anything about the contents of the correspondence.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—That is one of the details.

Mr. K. Ayyappan.—Was there any correspondence at all?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I answered a similar question just before.

Mr. K. Ayyappan.—I want to bring to the notice of the Chair that we cannot be satisfied with these evasive answers. Let them say 'yes' or 'no'. I want a ruling on the matter.

President.—I have promised to go into the question and give a ruling,

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Will the Government be pleased to state whether there is any prospect of such a proclamation being made?

President.—That is a matter of opinion.

Mr. M. K. Raman.—I want to know whether the Government has brought this matter to the notice of His Highness.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I have answered quite an identical question.

Mr. A. Sankara Poduval.—May I know whether the Government think that these representations deserve the consideration of the Government?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Certainly they do.

Mr. A. Sankara Poduval.—I suppose such action as is being taken?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Yes.

Chalakkal Chira.

88. **Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether there was not a petition from the inhabitants of Chittanda and Kanjirakode Villages of the Talappilly Taluk dated 16th December 1930 regarding the necessity for repairing the Chalakkal chira in Survey No. 441 of Vadakkancheri Village;

(b) whether the detailed investigation and estimate mentioned in the Government Memo No. D. Dis. 1952/06, dated 14th October 1931, Public Works Department have been completed;

(c) has the work been considered for 1108 as stated in the said Memo;

(d) has the same been provided; and if not, why?

Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.—Yes.

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